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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 255**

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters patent is hereby corrected as described herein. The error is found in FIG. 3 of the issued patent (a copy of this figure is submitted as Exhibit A). The error in FIG. 3 of the issued patent is that an arcuate line proximate the cylinder 23 and cylinder 28 is not illustrated as was illustrated in the original FIG. 3 filed with the initial patent application (a copy of the figure submitted with the original application is included as Exhibit B). The arcuate line that was in the original drawing is highlighted in red in Exhibit B. Consequently, the patentee provides that FIG. 3 of the issued patent contains an error since this arcuate line is missing in this illustration.

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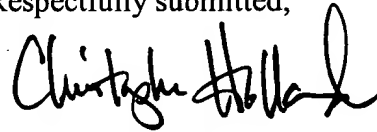
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As a result of the missing line, the patentee respectfully requests that this error be corrected by reinserting the arcuate line in the formal drawing of FIG. 3, as highlighted in red in Exhibit C. As can be seen in a comparison of the original FIG. 3 of Exhibit B and the amended formal drawing of FIG. 3 in Exhibit C, the patentee requests that the arcuate line be inserted in the formal drawing of FIG. 3 (highlighted in red in Exhibit C) proximate the cylinders **23** and **28**, as was originally provided in FIG 3 in the patent application when filed (see Exhibit B).

A clean copy of the formal drawing of FIG. 3 is also included with this transmittal. Additionally, the patentee submits a check in the amount of \$100.00 for this request for a Certificate of Correction.

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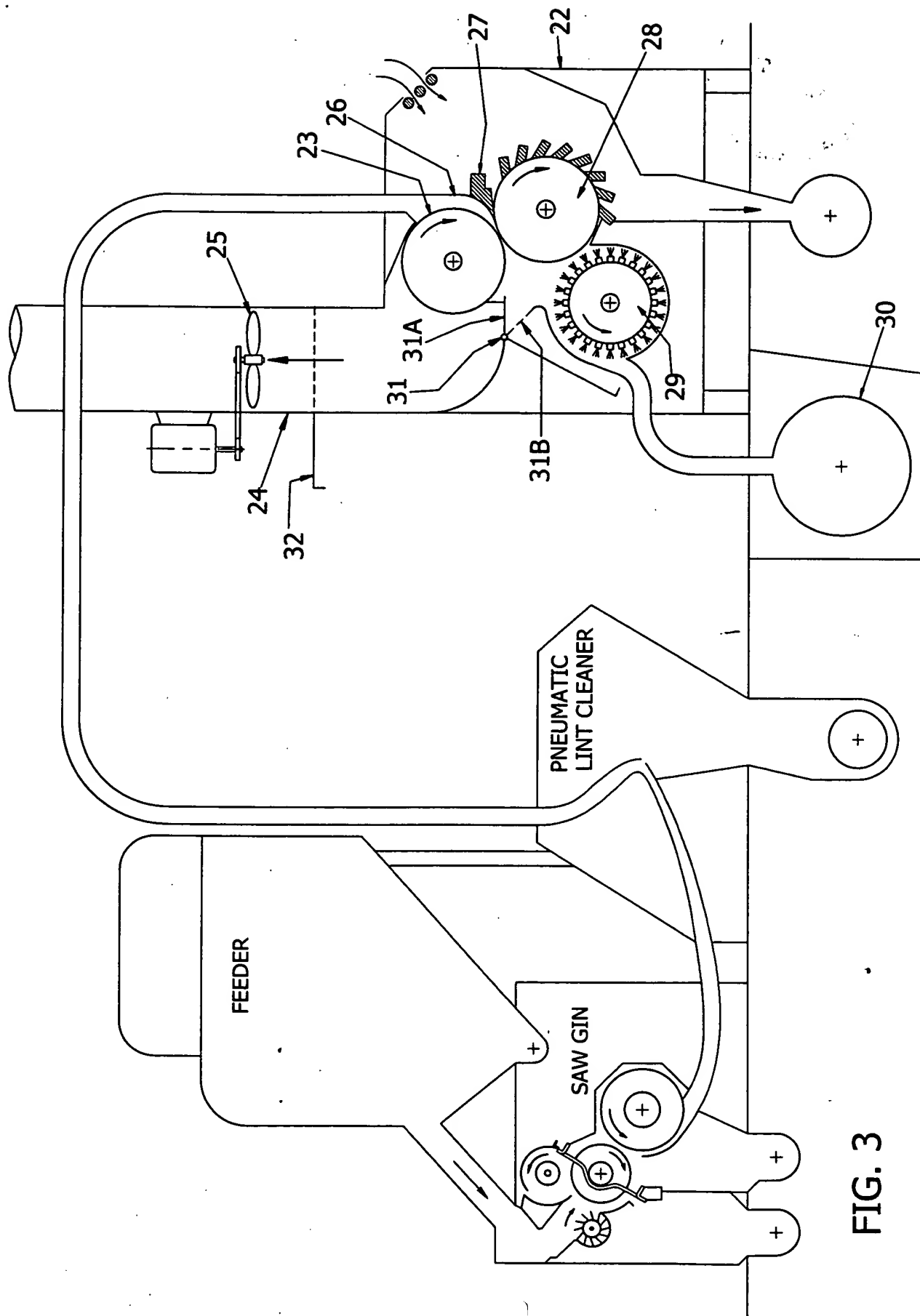


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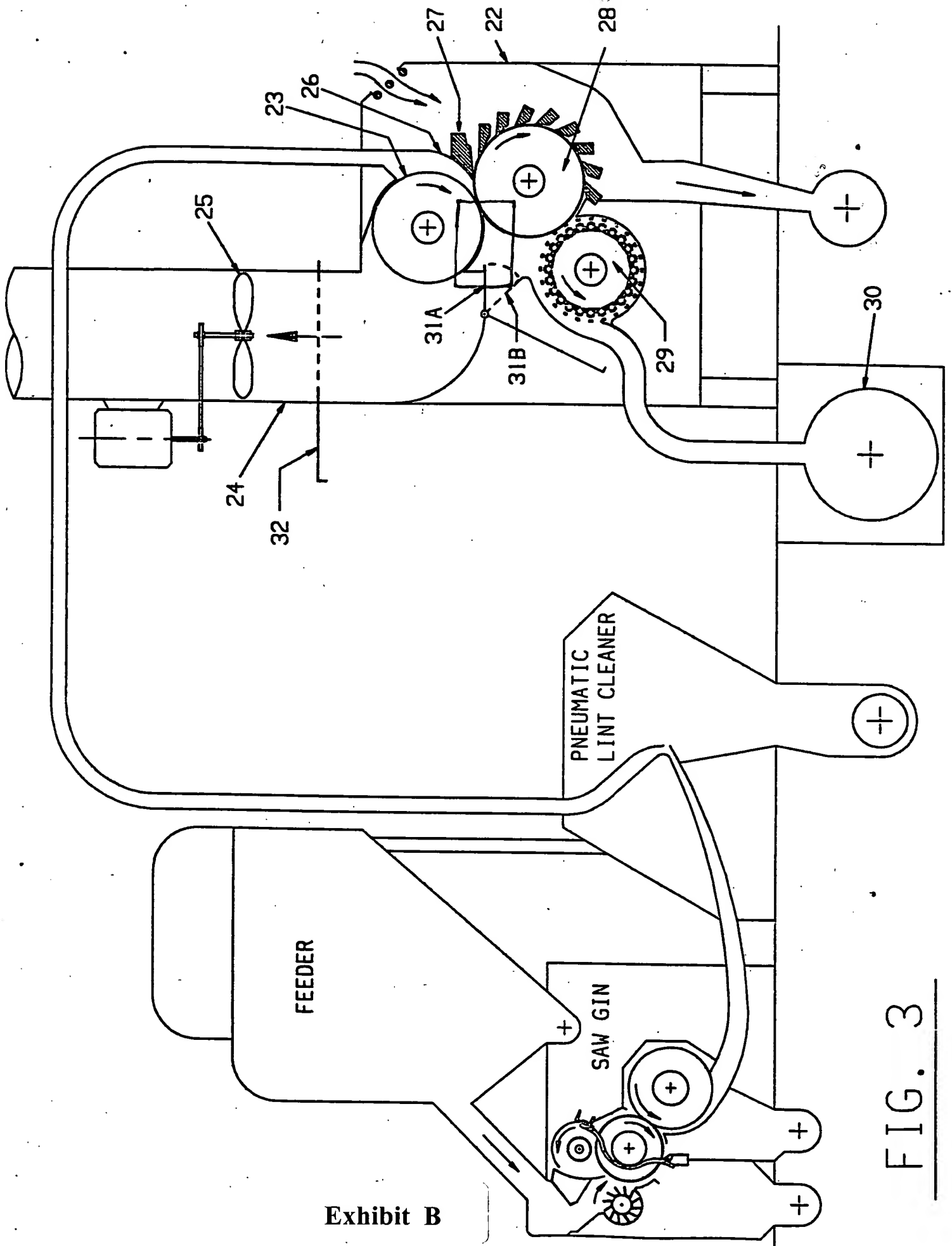


Exhibit B

FIG. 3

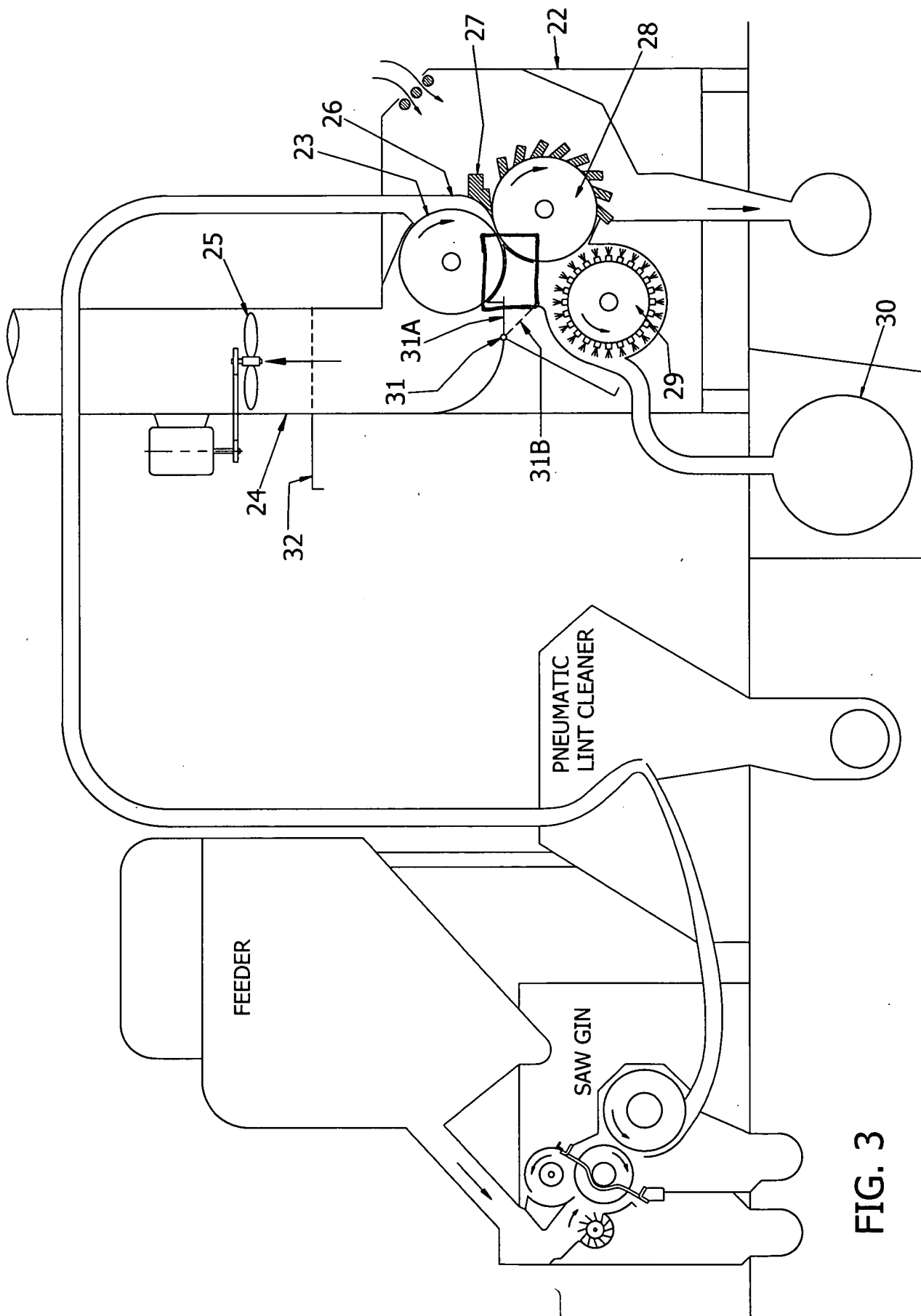


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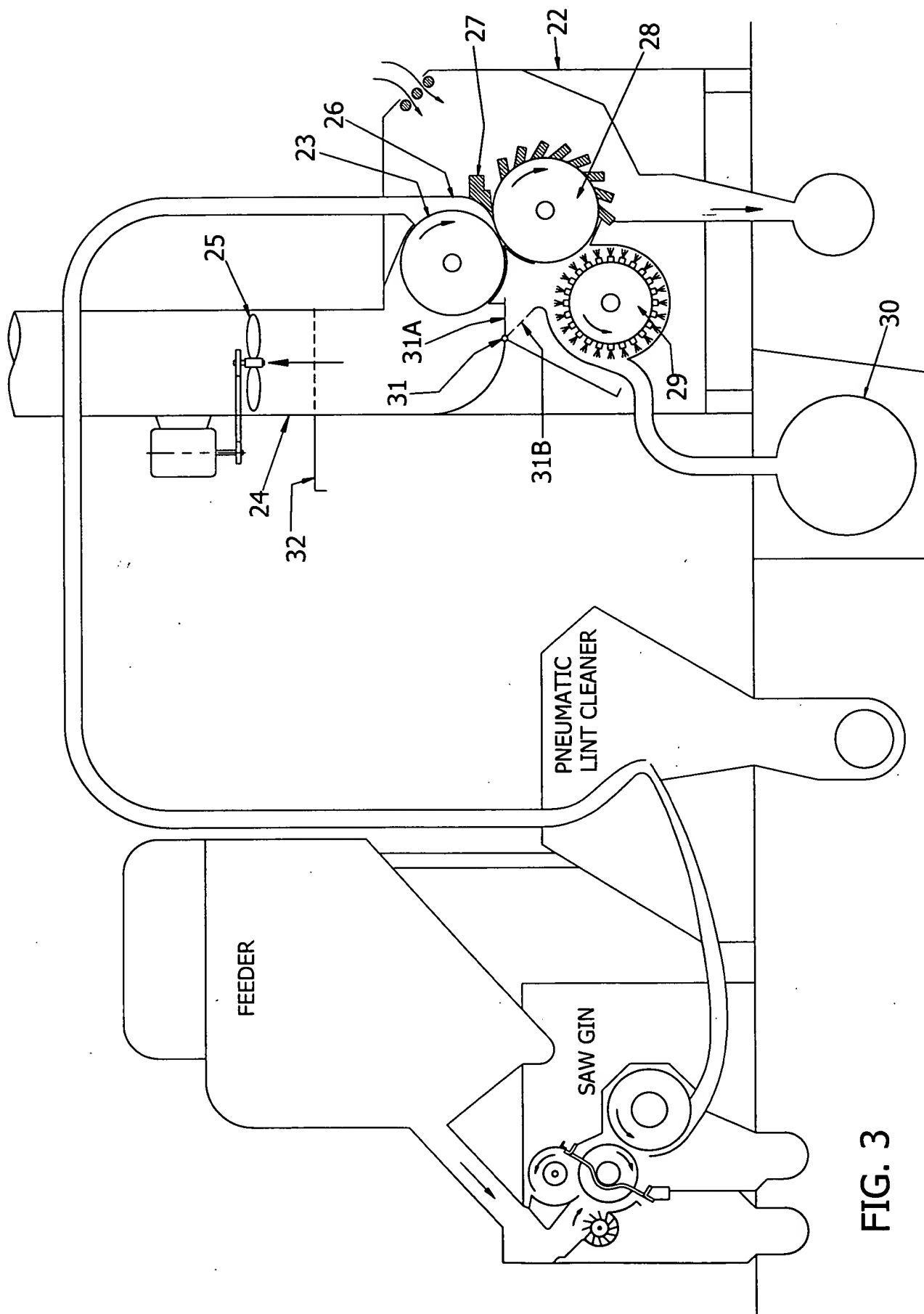


FIG. 3

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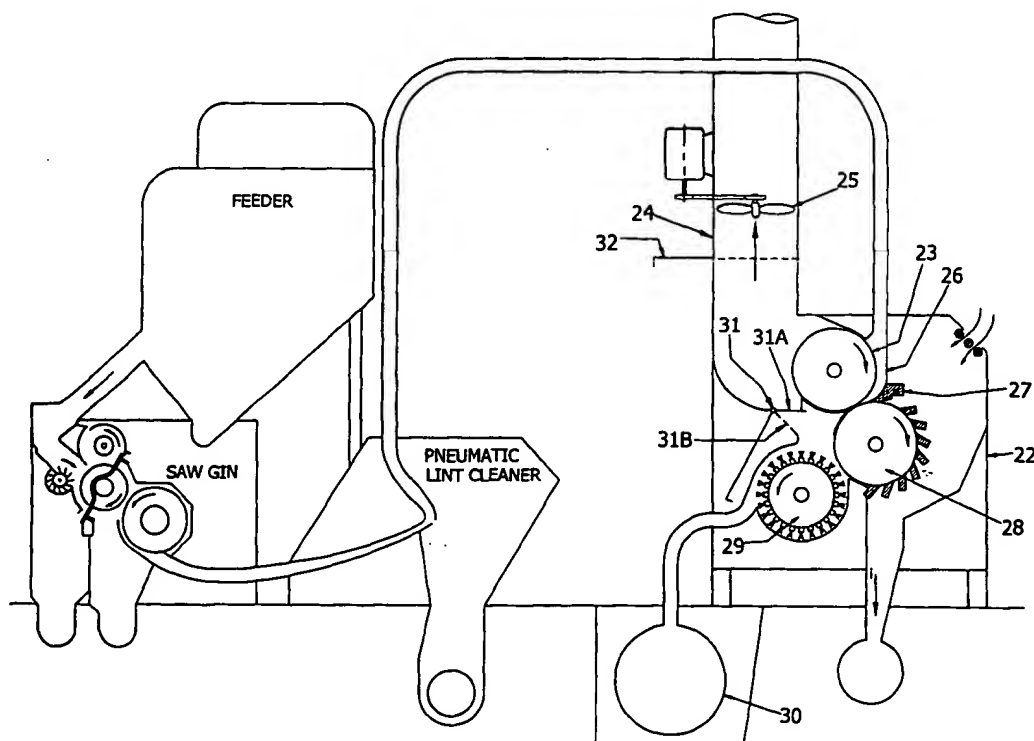
**[54] METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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Fortson, both of Ga.**[73] Assignee:** Lummus Corporation, Columbus, Ga.**[21] Appl. No.:** 09/162,563**[22] Filed:** Sep. 29, 1998**[51] Int. Cl. 7** ..... D01B 1/04**[52] U.S. Cl.** ..... 19/202; 19/39; 19/64.5**[58] Field of Search** ..... 19/40, 41, 65 A,  
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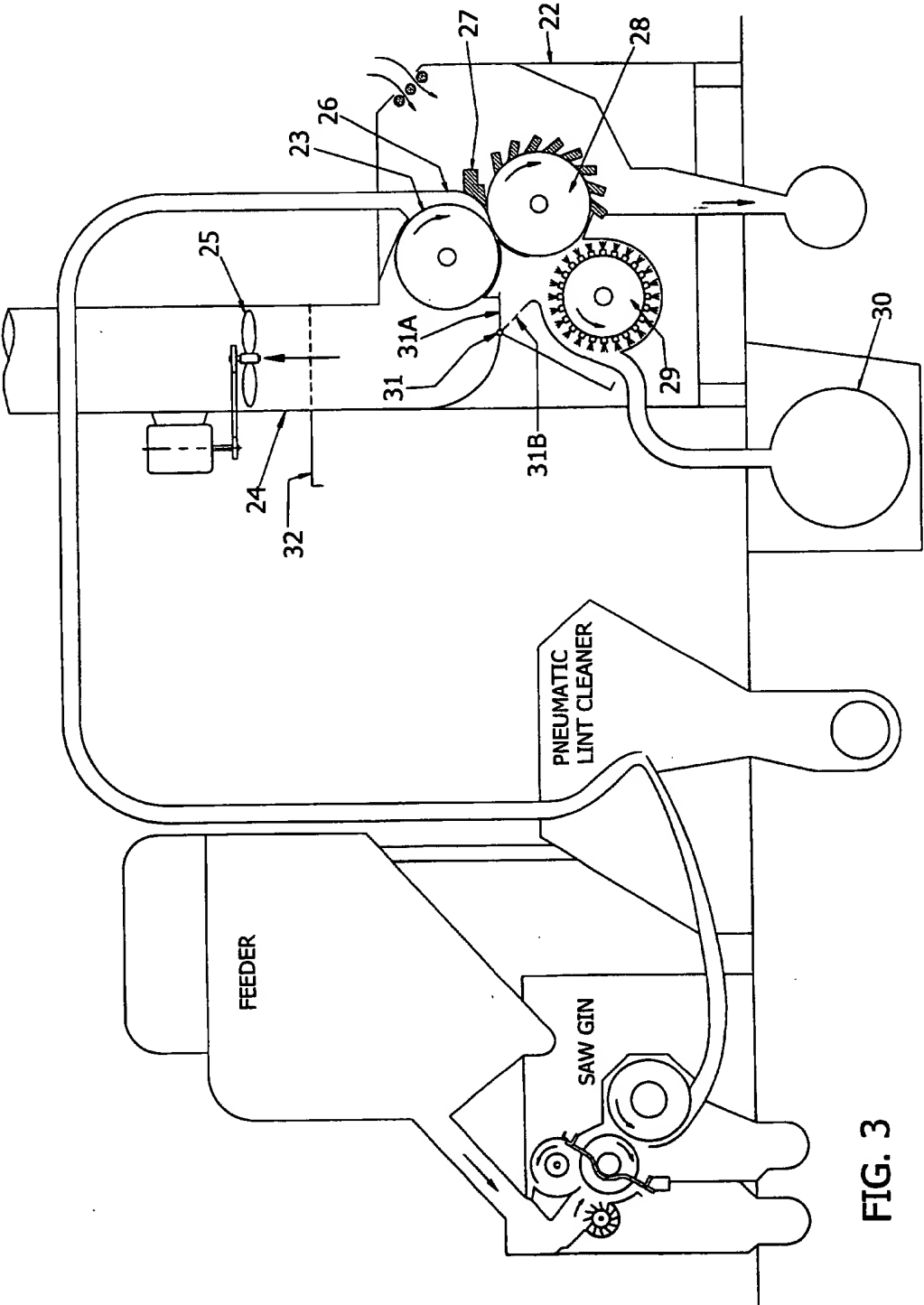
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**[57] ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for separating foreign matter from fiber tufts includes an air duct in which fiber tufts are pneumatically conveyed into the system via a high speed air stream. The air duct provides an air stream that conveys the fiber tufts with trash on to a revolving cleaning cylinder having teeth to engage the fiber tufts at a velocity that is sufficient to prevent agglomeration of the fiber tufts on a cylinder. The fiber tufts and trash thereby engage a separating means without agglomeration of the fiber tufts. The fiber tufts and trash further engage a streamer plate and grid bars to separate the trash from the fiber tufts such that the clean fiber tufts are distributed to a lint flue. The apparatus may further include a perforated cylinder in close proximity with the revolving cleaning cylinder that allows air to flow there-through, but that prevents penetration of the perforated cylinder surface by the desired fiber tufts. The use of the perforated cylinder provides an efficient means to cause the fiber tufts to engage the revolving cleaning cylinder without agglomeration to remove the undesired trash and deliver the desirable fiber tufts into a battery condenser.

**16 Claims, 3 Drawing Sheets**



NOTICE RE: CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION

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- ☒ 1. Would the change(s) requested, under 37 C.F.R. 1.323, correcting Applicant/Attorney's (A or Atty.) errors, constitute new matter or require reexamination of the application?
- ☒ 2. Would the change(s) requested, under 37 C.F.R. 1.323, correcting Applicant/Attorney's (A or Atty.) errors, materially affect the scope or meaning of the claims allowed by the examiner in the patent?
- ☐ 3. Applicant disagrees with change(s) initialed and dated by Examiner in lieu of an Examiner's Amendment. Should the change request be granted?
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